Applicant provisionally elects species G identified by the Examiner as being illustrated by FIG. 17. Claims 1 through 27, and claims 38 through 79 are readable on species G. Hence, Claims 1 through 27, and claims 38 through 79 are pending in this application.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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